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DEEP INSIDE THE HEART OF THE MYSTERIOUS CAT COUNTRY, WE FIND THE CHAOTIX--ESPIO, MIGHTY, VECTOR AND JULIE-SU--ANXIOUSLY STANDING WATCH, AS THE GUARDIAN LOCKE PREPARES FOR MORTAL COMBAT AGAINST THE CATQUEEN'S CHOSEN CHAMPION--

--THE FEROCIOUS
RAZORKLAW!

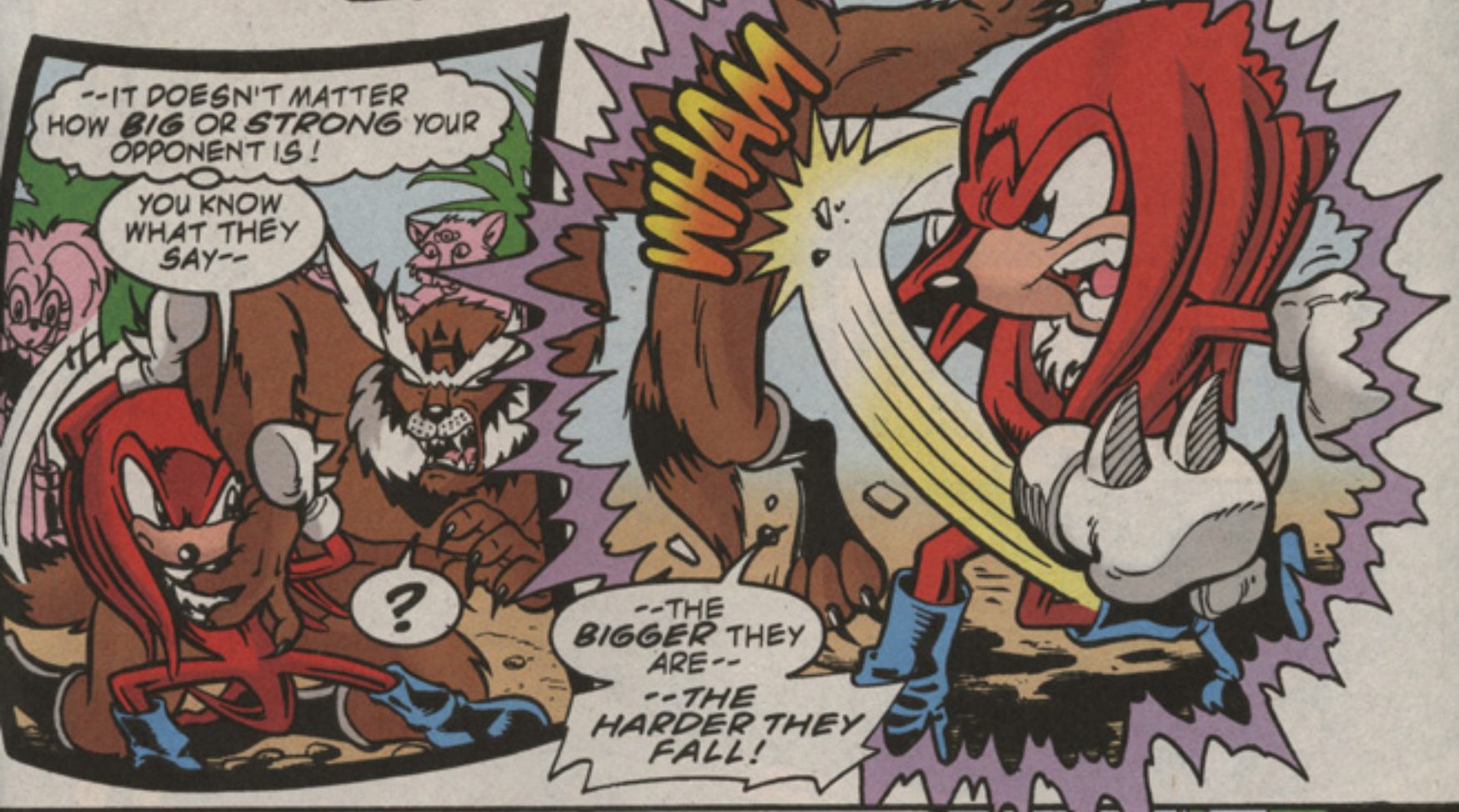
YOU COULD STOP
THIS, MA'AM, BEFORE MATTERS
ESCALATE OUT OF
CONTROL!

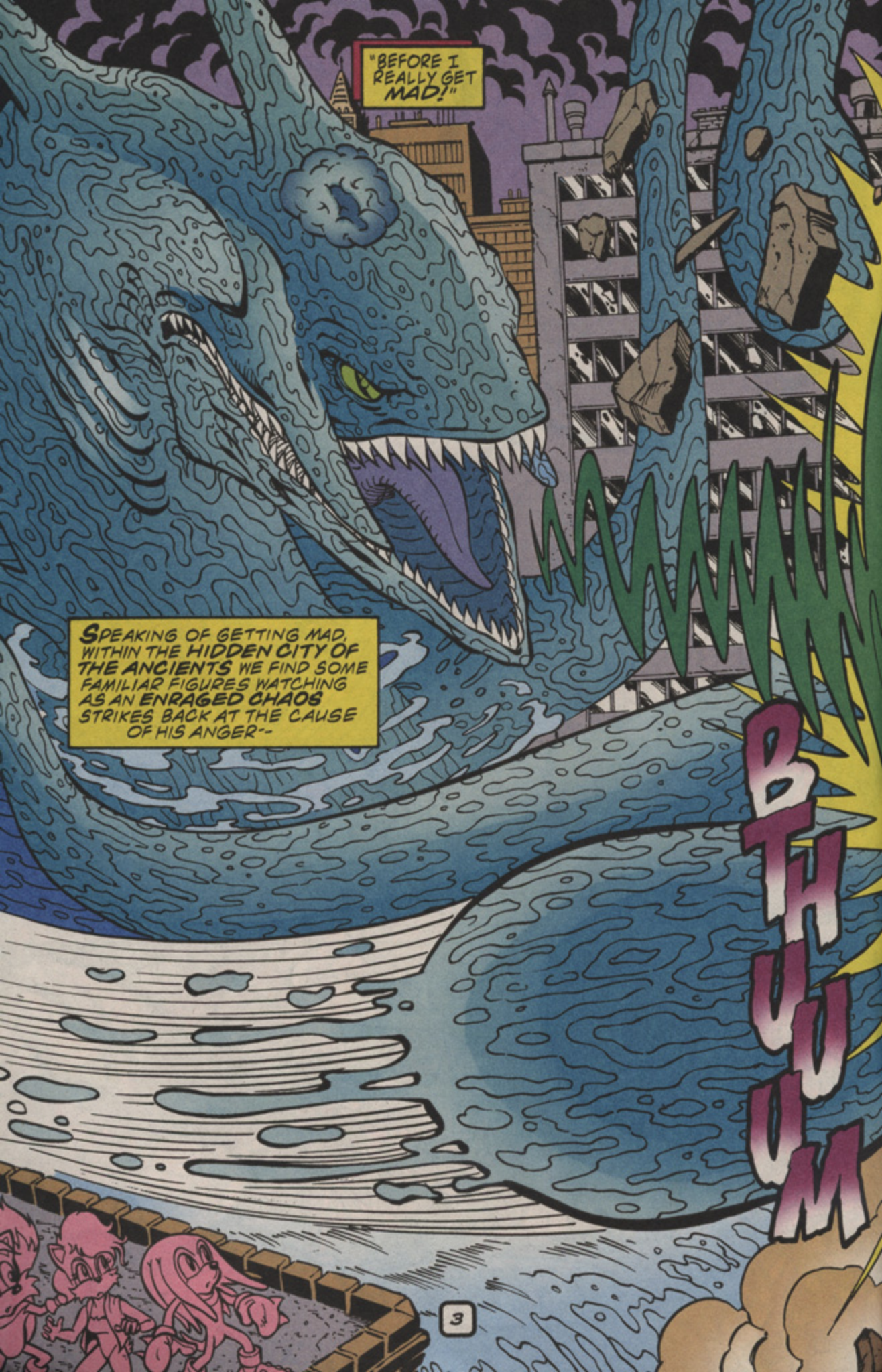
WE CAN SIT
DOWN AND DISCUSS
OUR DIFFERENCES IN
A RATIONAL
MANNER!

I'M SORRY, LOCKE
OF THE KNUCKLES CLAN,
BUT I BEG TO DIFFER!

WE SIMPLY
DON'T TRUST
YOUR KIND!

AND
NOW--
--LET
THE COMBAT
BEGIN!





"BEFORE I
REALLY GET
MAD!"

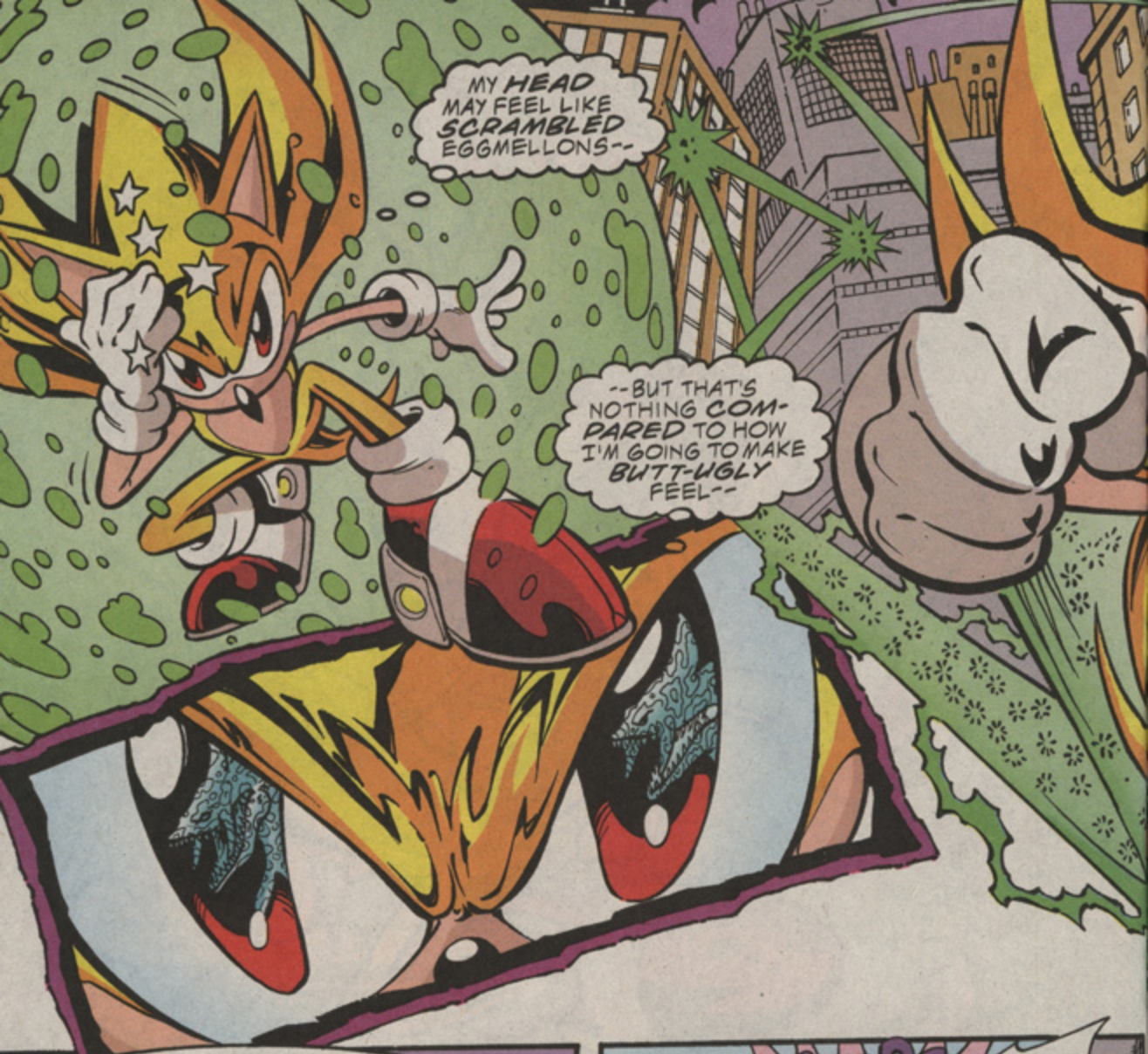
SPEAKING OF GETTING MAD,
WITHIN THE HIDDEN CITY OF
THE ANCIENTS WE FIND SOME
FAMILIAR FIGURES WATCHING
AS AN ENRAGED CHAOS
STRIKES BACK AT THE CAUSE
OF HIS ANGER--

YEEOWWW!

KRAKKASH

PERFECT

CHAOS



MY HEAD
MAY FEEL LIKE
SCRAMBLED
EGGMELLONS--

--BUT THAT'S
NOTHING COM-
PARED TO HOW
I'M GOING TO MAKE
BUTT-UGLY
FEEL--



C'MON, EVERYONE!
LET'S CLEAR THE SCENE
BEFORE SOMEONE SUFFERS
A MAJOR HURT!

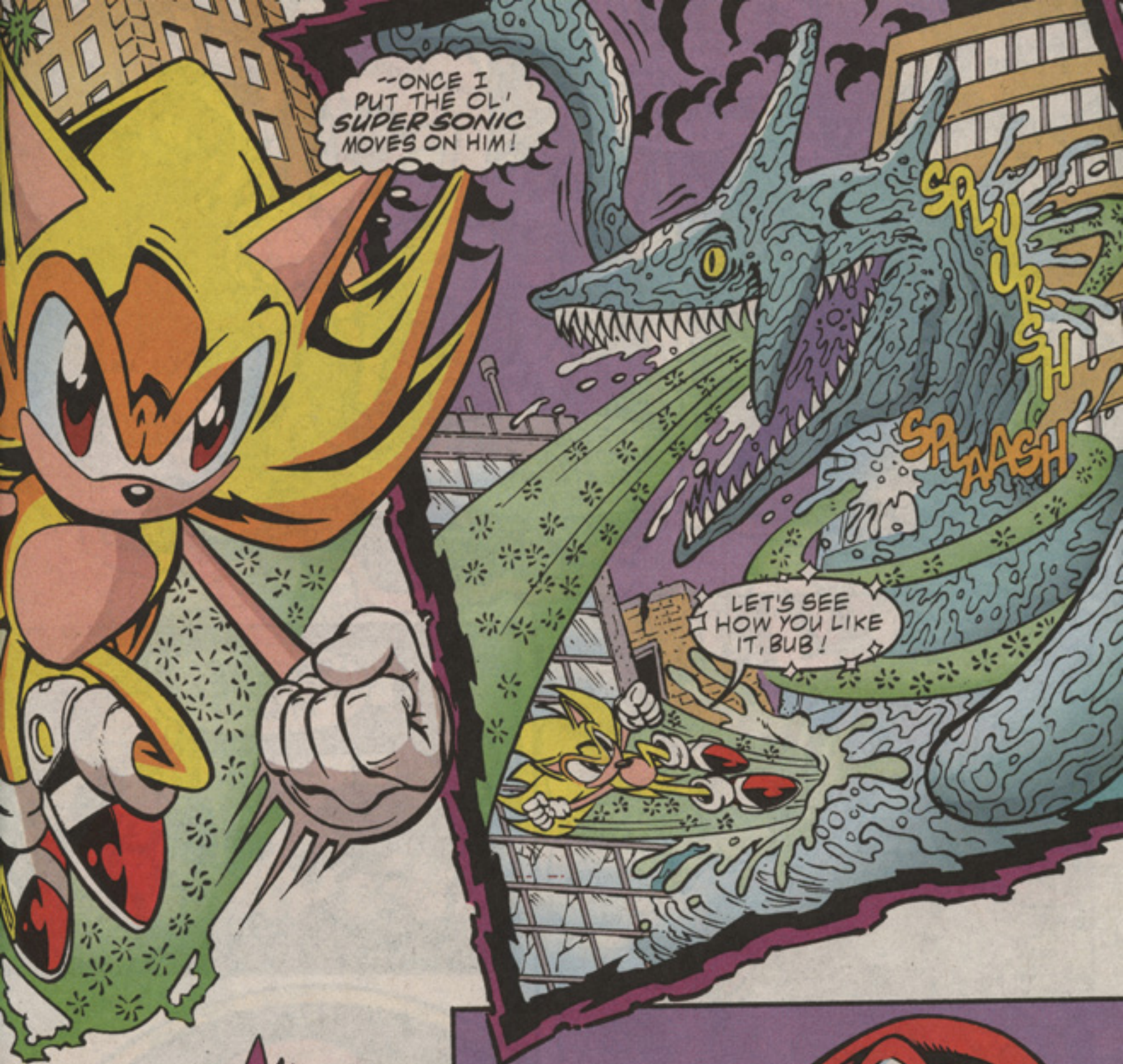
IT'S GETTING
DOWNRIGHT NASTY,
THAT'S FOR
SHOAH!



AARRGGHH!

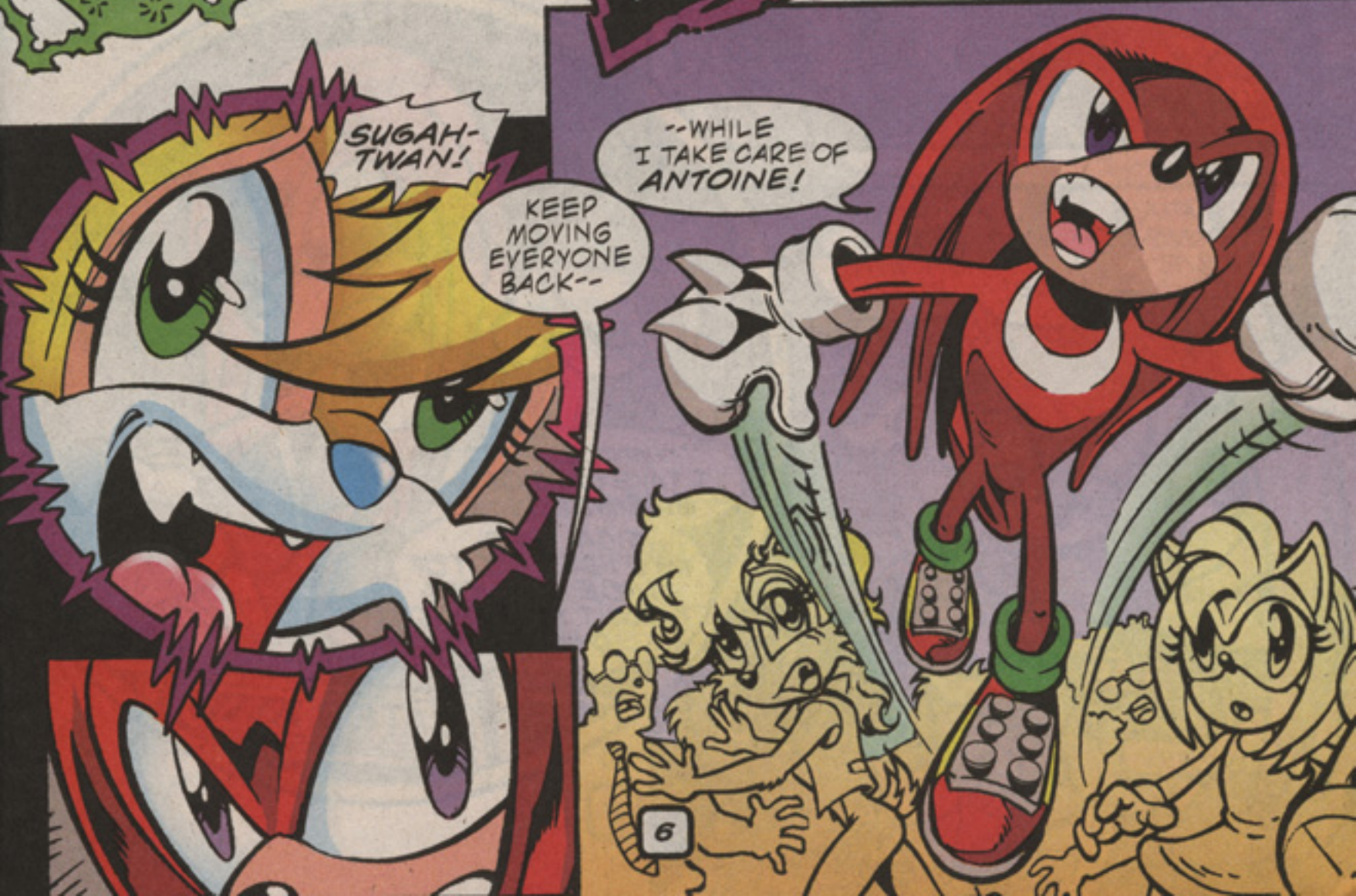
WHUMP

KRA-ACK



--ONCE I
PUT THE OL'
SUPER SONIC
MOVES ON HIM!

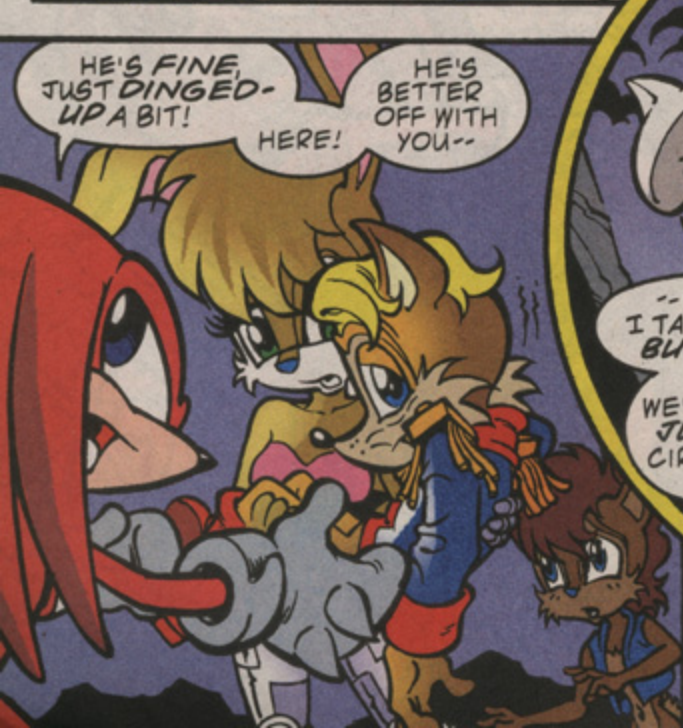
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HOW YOU LIKE
IT, BUB!

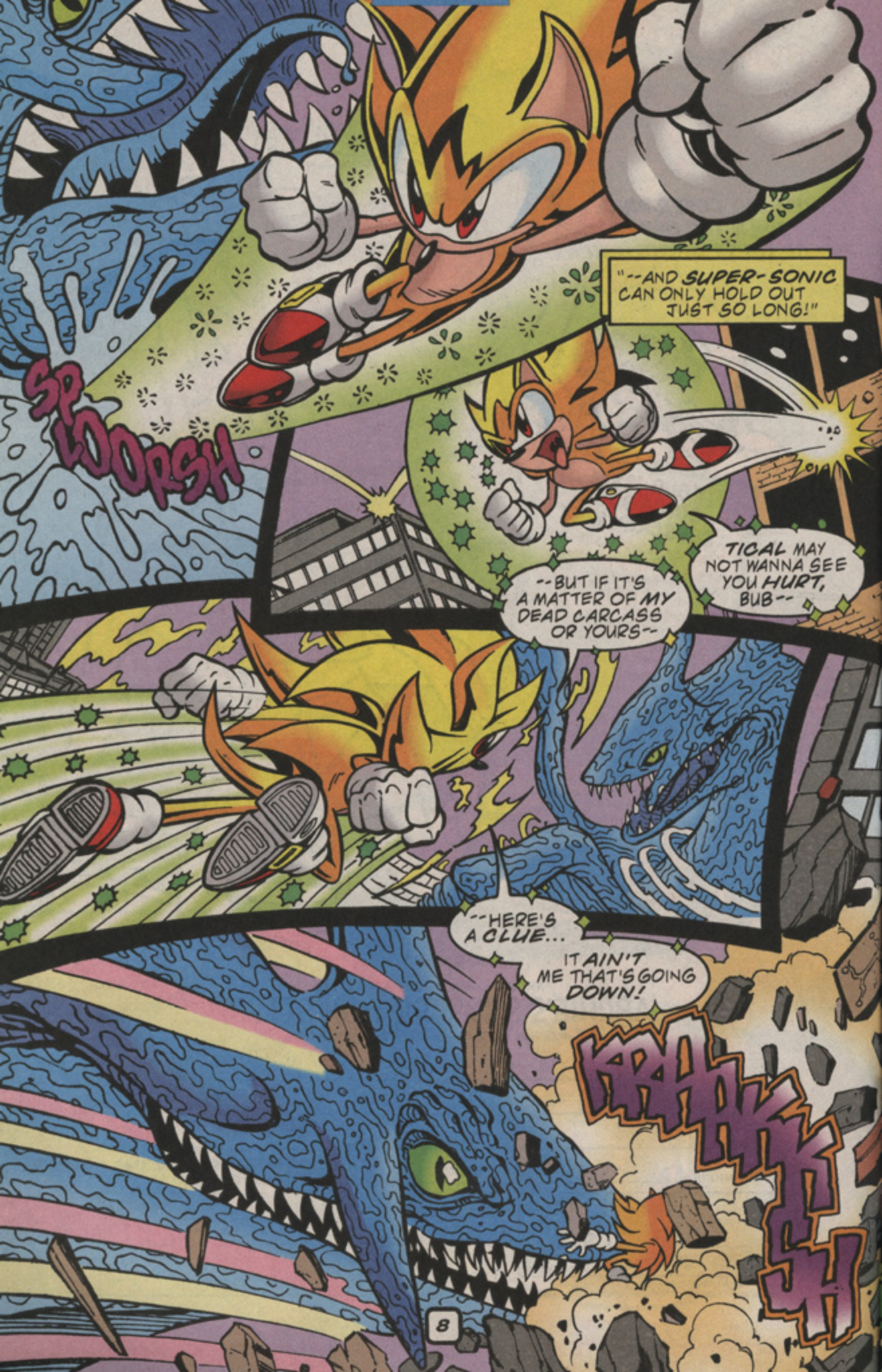


SUGAH-
TWAN!

KEEP
MOVING
EVERYONE
BACK--

--WHILE
I TAKE CARE OF
ANTOINE!





"--AND *SUPER-SONIC* CAN ONLY HOLD OUT JUST SO LONG!"

SPLOOSH

--BUT IF IT'S A MATTER OF MY DEAD CARCASS OR YOURS--

TICAL MAY NOT WANNA SEE YOU HURT, BUB--

--HERE'S A CLUE...

IT AIN'T ME THAT'S GOING DOWN!

KRAK

"HOW ABOUT
WE TRY THAT
AGAIN?"

I DIDN'T
COME HERE TO
MAKE WAR, YOUR
HIGHNESS!

I CAME TO
SOLVE A PROBLEM
AND ENSURE
THE SAFETY OF MY
SON'S FRIENDS!

PAST EXPERIENCE
MAKES ME WONDER WHETHER
THERE IS AN ULTERIOR
MOTIVE AT STAKE HERE,
LOCKE!

WE'RE A PEOPLE
WHO TEND TO AVOID
DEALING WITH
OUTSIDERS!
ESPECIALLY
YOUR KIND!

I KNOW FROM STUDYING
FAMILY HISTORY THAT NOT
ALL MY ANCESTORS LED
EXEMPLARY LIVES, YOUR
HIGHNESS--

--BUT MORE
OFTEN THAN NOT,
MY FAMILY HAS
CONTRIBUTED TO THE
COMMON GOOD
OF ALL!

AND WHAT
DOES YOUR FAMILY
HISTORY TELL YOU
ABOUT--

HIM?

AS LOCKE PONDERES HIS ANSWER, WE TURN OUR ATTENTION ONCE AGAIN TO HIS SON...

WAH-HOO!
THERE'S THE
GENERATOR
STATION
THAT POWERS
THE CITY!

THAT'S
GOTTA
DO THE
TRICK!

JUST MY
LUCK!

THE PLACE
IS FLOODED
OUT--

--AND ME
AND WATER
DON'T EXACTLY
MIX!

I CAN'T--
I CAN'T--

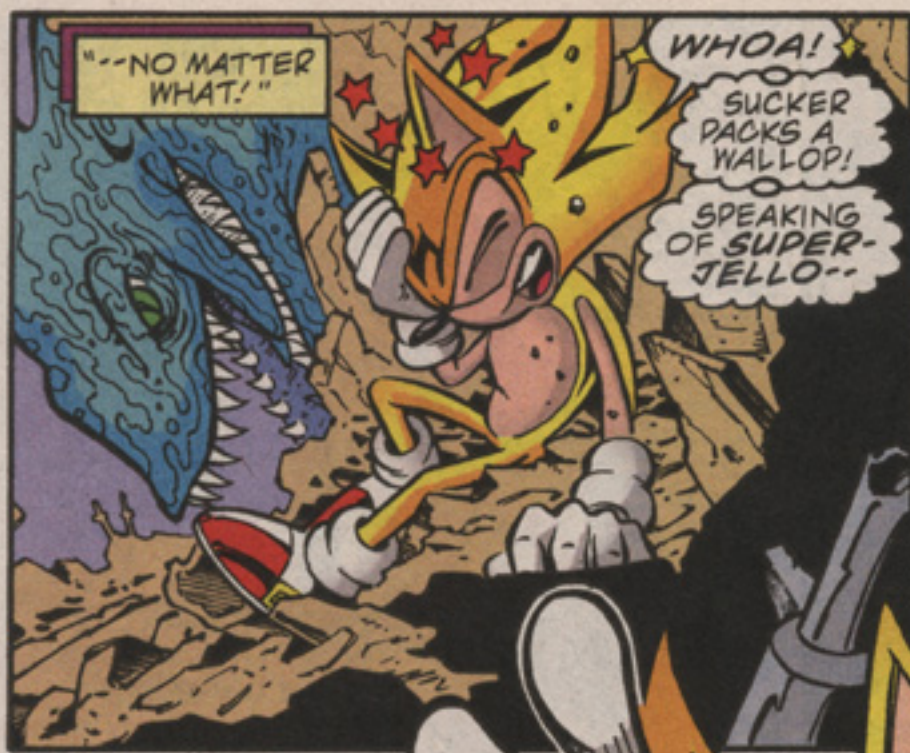
SPLAAASH

I JUST
GOTTA!

GLUB GLUB
GLUB

STEADY--
STEADY--

JUST
FOLLOW THE
PIPES--



"--NO MATTER WHAT!"

WHOA!

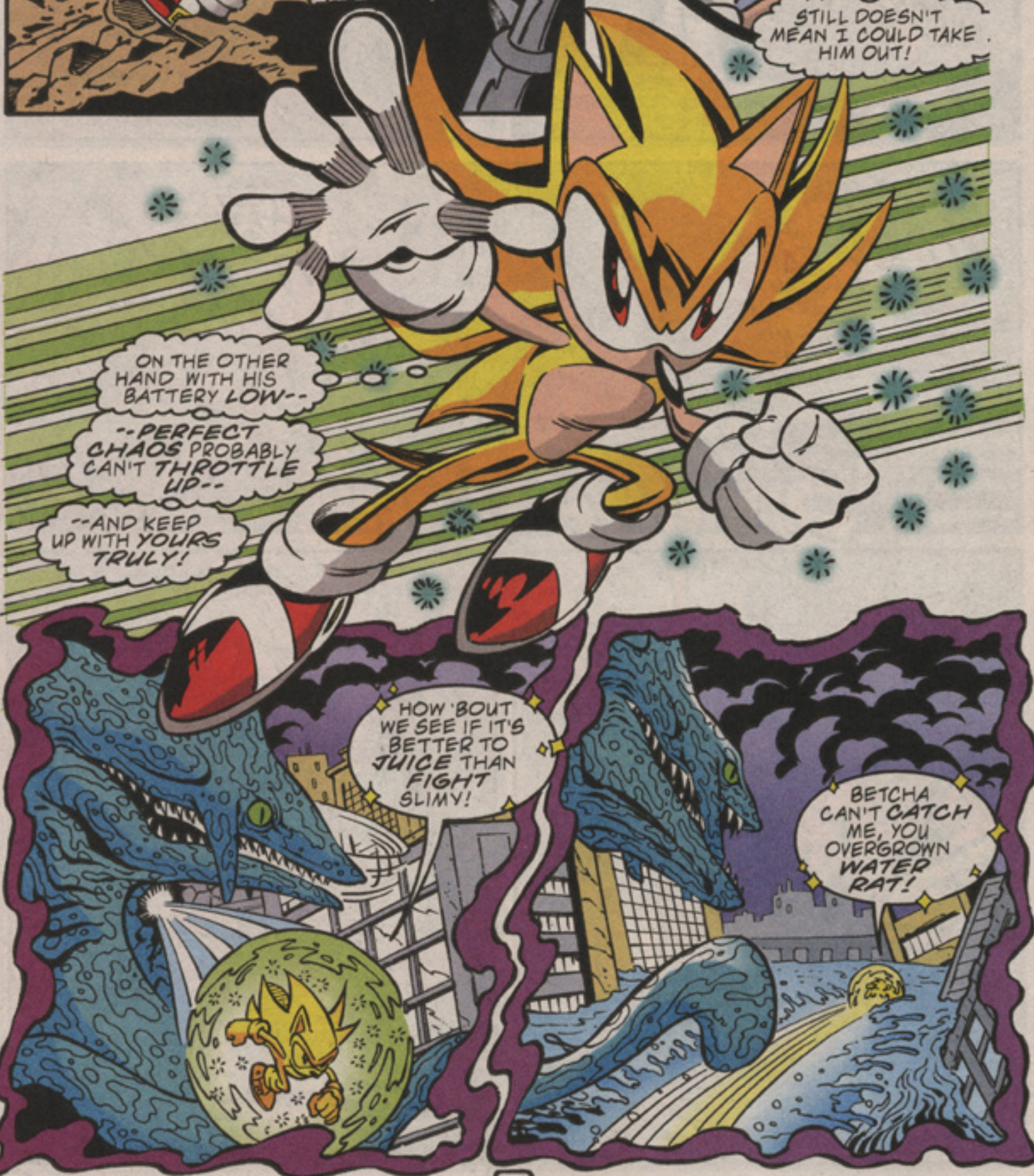
SUCKER
PACKS A
WALLOP!

SPEAKING
OF SUPER-
JELLO--



--HE LOOKS
AS DAZED AS I
FEEL!

STILL DOESN'T
MEAN I COULD TAKE
HIM OUT!



ON THE OTHER
HAND WITH HIS
BATTERY LOW--

--PERFECT
CHAOS PROBABLY
CAN'T THROTTLE
UP--

--AND KEEP
UP WITH YOURS
TRULY!

HOW 'BOUT
WE SEE IF IT'S
BETTER TO
JUICE THAN
FIGHT
SLIMY!

BETCHA
CAN'T CATCH
ME, YOU
OVERGROWN
WATER
RAT!







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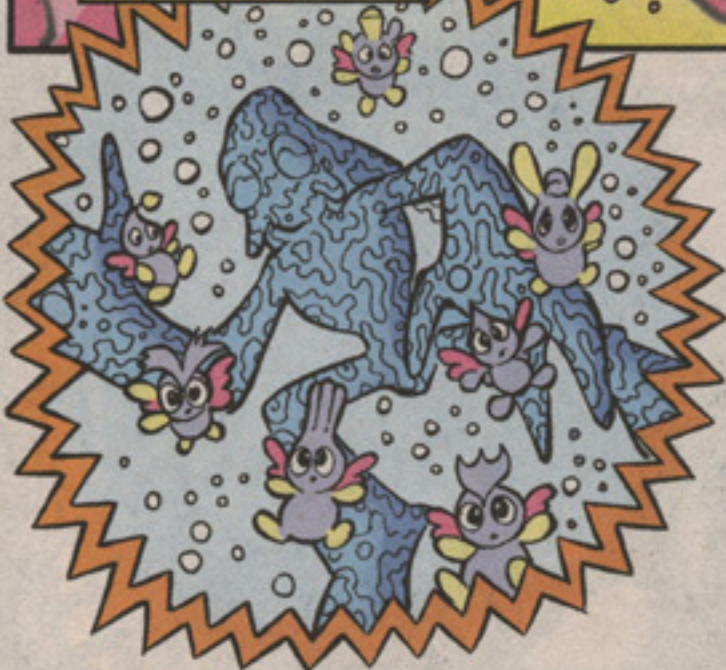
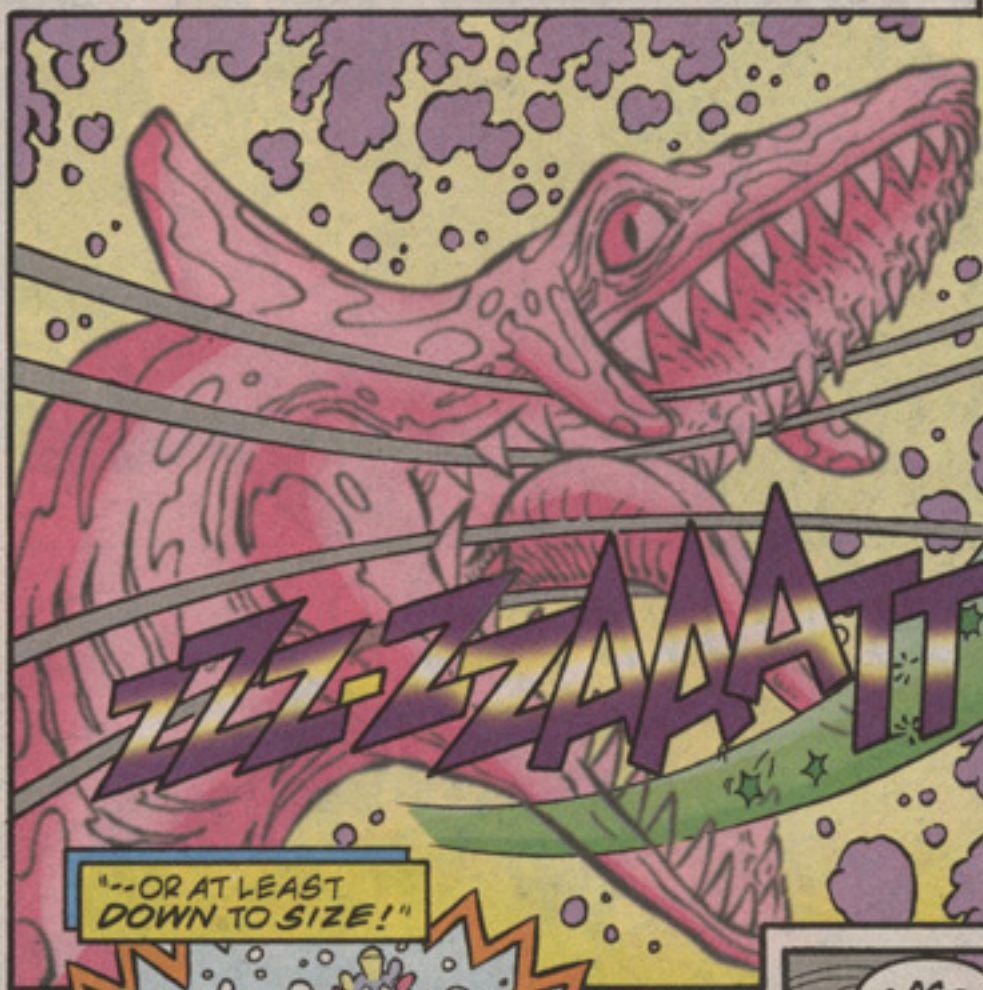
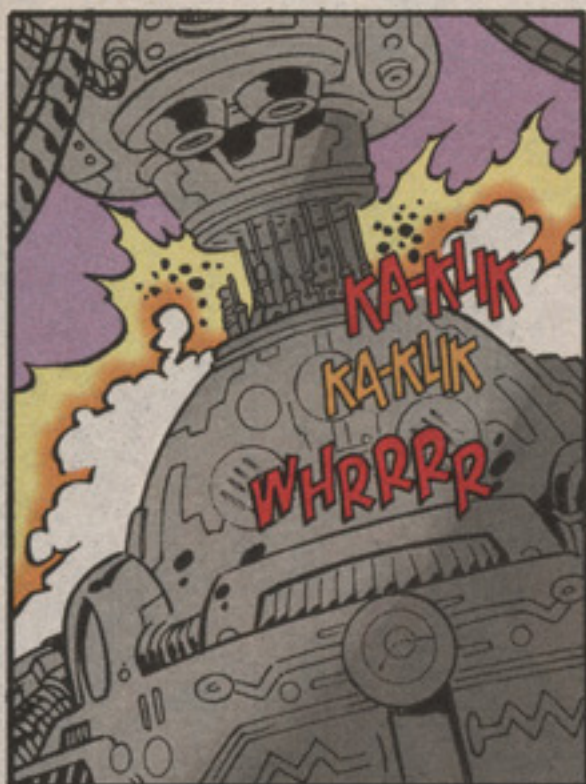
THERE'S--

--NOBODY--

--BUT--

--ME!

I DID IT!



GIMME
YOUR
MITT!

WHAT'S
THE SCORE?

THE
GOOD GUYS
WON!
WHAT
ELSE DID YOU
EXPECT?

THEN
WHAT'S WITH THE
LIGHT SHOW?

YOU'VE
DONE WELL--
ALL OF
YOU!

IT'S
TIME NOW WE
RETURNED
TO THE ZONE
WE BELONG
TO!

ZAAAAAAP

WHAT DO
YOU CARE
ANYHOW?

AFTER
ALL THAT--IT'S
OVER!
DOESN'T
SEEM RIGHT
SOMEHOW!

"THEY'RE NOW ONE LESS
HEADACHE TO WORRY ABOUT!"



AS FOR ME, I'VE
GOTTA GET THESE
CHAOS SHARDS
BACK AND FIGURE OUT
HOW TO **RESTORE**
THE FLOATING
ISLAND WITH 'EM!

NEED ANY
HELP?

NAH! I'LL
PROBABLY HAVE
ALL I **NEED**
BACK AT THE
RANCH!

THEN TAKE CARE,
KNUCKLES!

LATER,
BIG GUY!

THINK OUR SONIC ADVENTURE
IS GAME OVER?! THEN TURN THE
PAGE WHILE WE TIE UP A FEW LOOSE
ENDS WITH EVERYONE'S FAVORITE
RAD RED!

AS FOR EVERYONE'S FAVORITE
BLUE BLUR, BE HERE NEXT ISSUE!

Born to the most noble of Echidna houses, the latest to continue the family heritage and responsibility as Guardian of The Floating Island, defender of all against the forces of evil from the world beyond as well as those who would threaten from within!

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WITH THE *CHAOS EMERALD SHARDS* ONCE AGAIN IN HIS POSSESSION, *KNUCKLES* RETURNS TO THE *FLOATING ISLAND*, CURRENTLY IN THE PREDICAMENT OF TAKING ON WATER SINCE IT WAS RENDERED *INERT* WHEN THE *CHAOS EMERALD* WAS STOLEN.

AS HE ARRIVES VIA AN ENERGY ZONE PORTAL, A FLASH OF LIGHT IMMEDIATELY ATTRACTS HIS ATTENTION...

WITHOUT THE *GUIDING STAR GEM*, I'D BE ONE *LOST* ECHIDNA!

BUT IT WON'T BE *HOME SWEET HOME* IF I CAN'T GET THE *FLOATING ISLAND* *SOARING* AMONG THE CLOUDS AGAIN!

WHOA!
WHAT'S WITH THE
LIGHT SHOW?

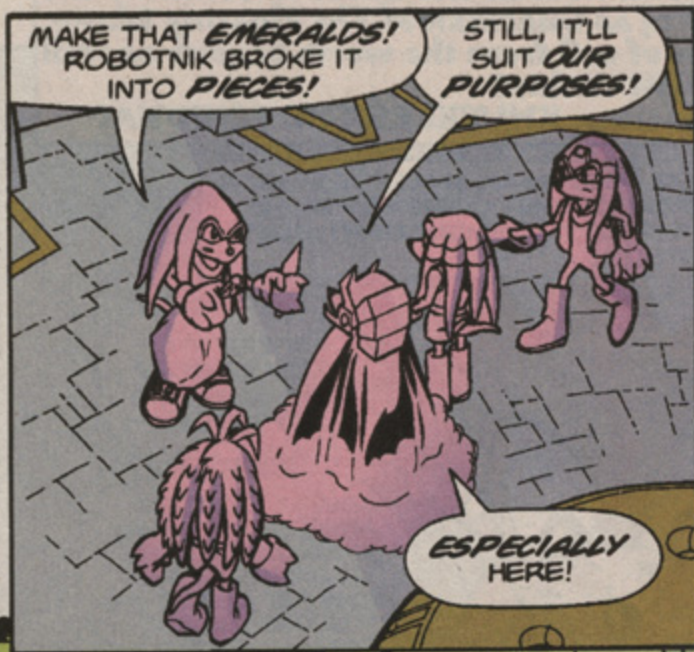
BRIDGE
OVER
TROUBLED
WATERS

LOOKS LIKE
OUR LAD SAW
YOUR *SIGNAL*,
SPECTRE!

AT THE RATE THE
ISLAND IS GRADUALLY
SINKING, WE DON'T
HAVE TIME TO WASTE,
SABRE!

KNUCKLES!
OVER HERE!

I TAKE IT YOU
HAVE THE *CHAOS*
EMERALD WITH
YOU!



MAKE THAT **EMERALDS!**
ROBOTNIK BROKE IT
INTO **PIECES!**

STILL, IT'LL
SUIT **OUR**
PURPOSES!

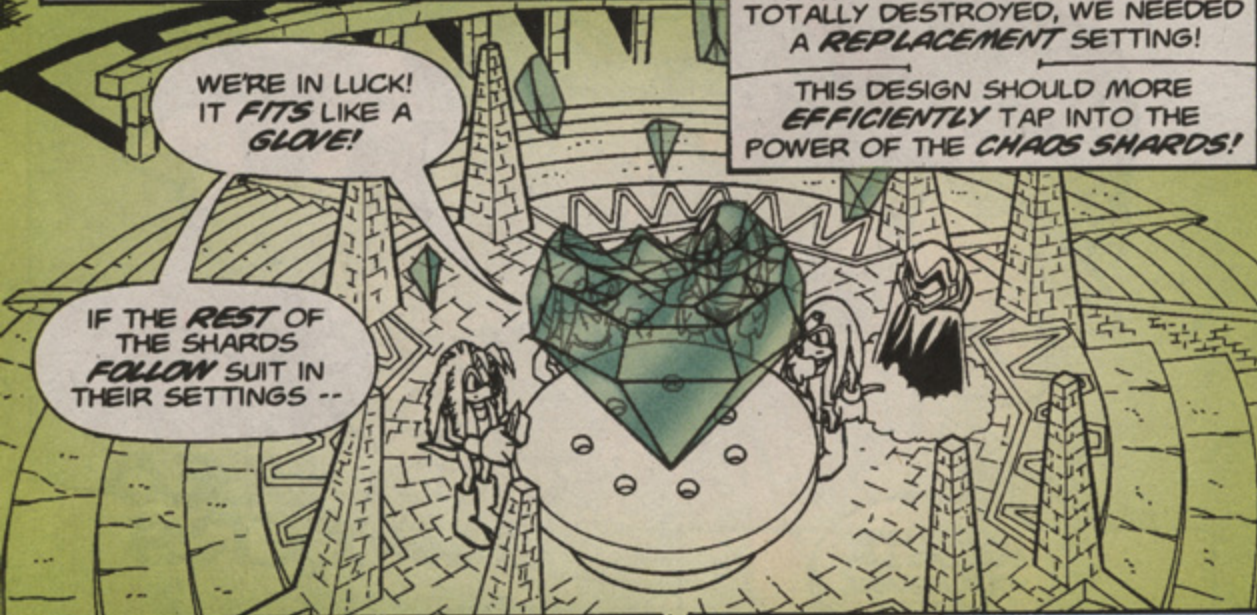
ESPECIALLY
HERE!



DEJA VU! THIS
PLACE LOOKS
FAMILIAR!

WITH THE **CHAOS CHAMBER**
TOTALLY DESTROYED, WE NEEDED
A **REPLACEMENT** SETTING!

THIS DESIGN SHOULD MORE
EFFICIENTLY TAP INTO THE
POWER OF THE **CHAOS SHARDS!**



WE'RE IN LUCK!
IT **FITS** LIKE A
GLOVE!

IF THE **REST** OF
THE **SHARDS**
FOLLOW SUIT IN
THEIR SETTINGS --



-- WE'RE IN
BUSINESS!

ALL
SYSTEMS
ARE GO!



GREAT! NOW
THAT WE HAVE
LIFT-OFF --

-- DOES ANYONE
KNOW **WHERE** MY
FATHER IS?

A FEW MINUTES LATER, AS A PAIR OF WARY GUARDSMEN STAND WATCH ON THE BEACH...

WHAT DO YOU THINK? SHOULD WE SOUND THE ALARM?

I WOULDN'T JUMP TO ANY CONCLUSIONS --

-- UNTIL WE SEE WHO IT IS!

RRRRRRRRROAARR

YOU WANT ME TO ACCOMPANY YOU, KNUCKLES?

NAH, I'LL BE ALL RIGHT, GRANDFATHER THUNDERHAWK!

HI, GUYS!

STEP THIS WAY!

SURE! WHATEVER! WE'RE FRIENDS HERE, RIGHT?

STUMBLE OVER ANYONE LIKE ME RECENTLY?

FURTHER INTO THE JUNGLE, WE FIND...

WHADDYA
MAKE OF
THAT,
MIGHTY?

SOMEONE'S
SURE GOT
TALENT,
VECTOR!

DIDN'T WE SEE
SOMETHING *LIKE* IT BACK
ON THE FLOATING ISLAND,
JULIE-SU?

AT THE
DARK
LEGION
COMPLEX,
ESPIO!

WHAT'S AT THE
DARK LEGION
COMPLEX, GUYS?

KNUCKLES!!!
YOU'RE ALIVE!!

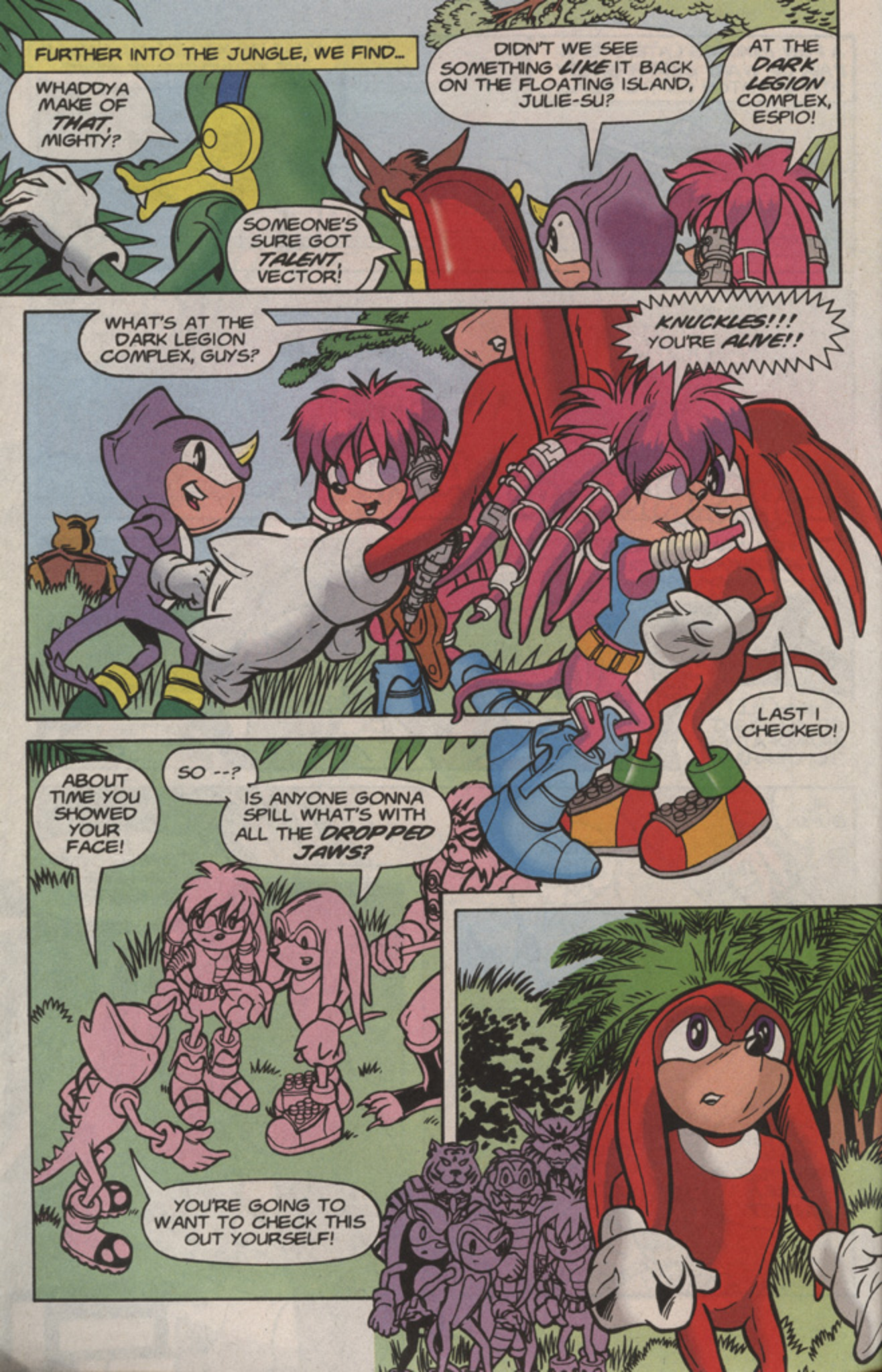
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CHECKED!

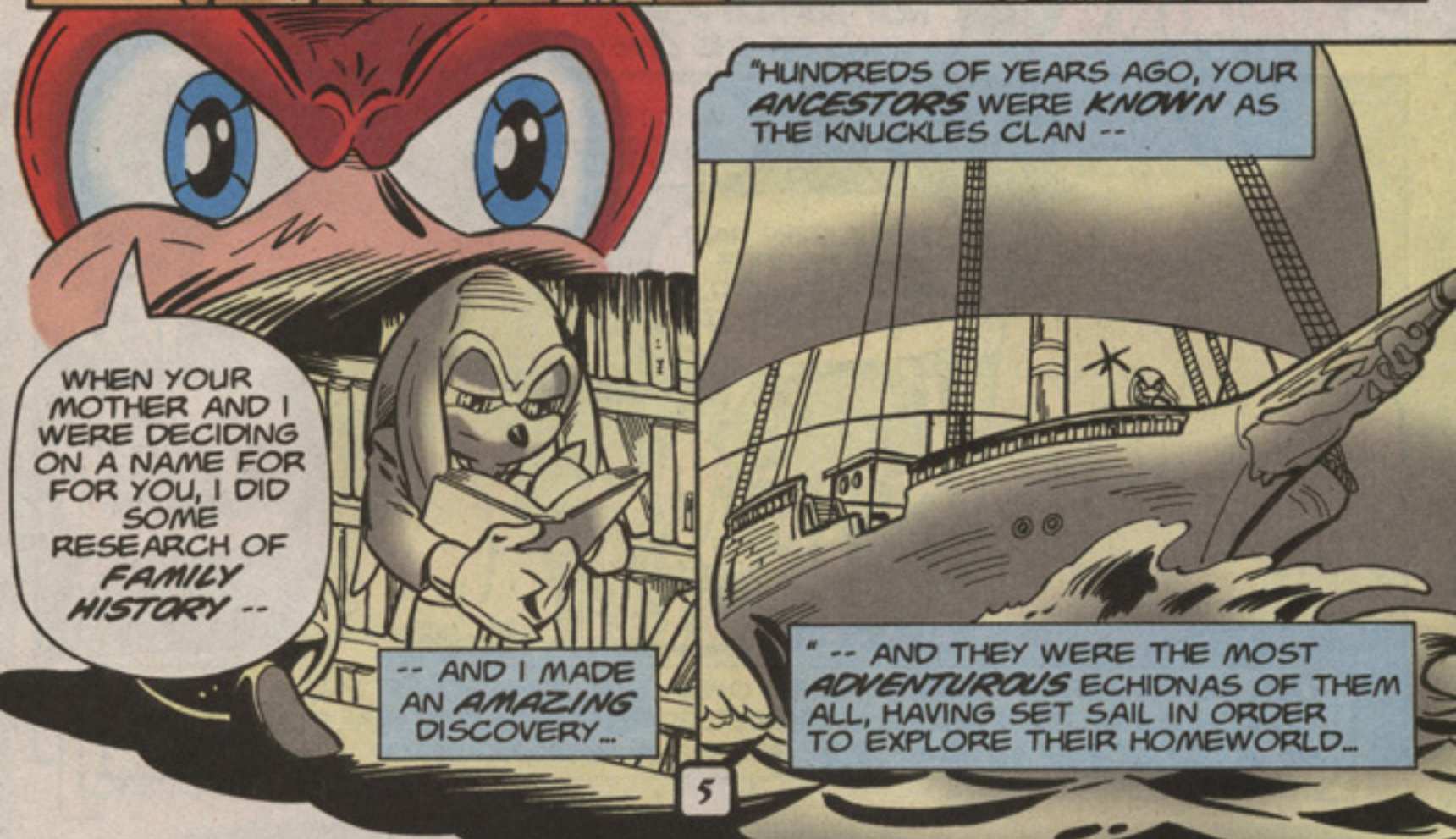
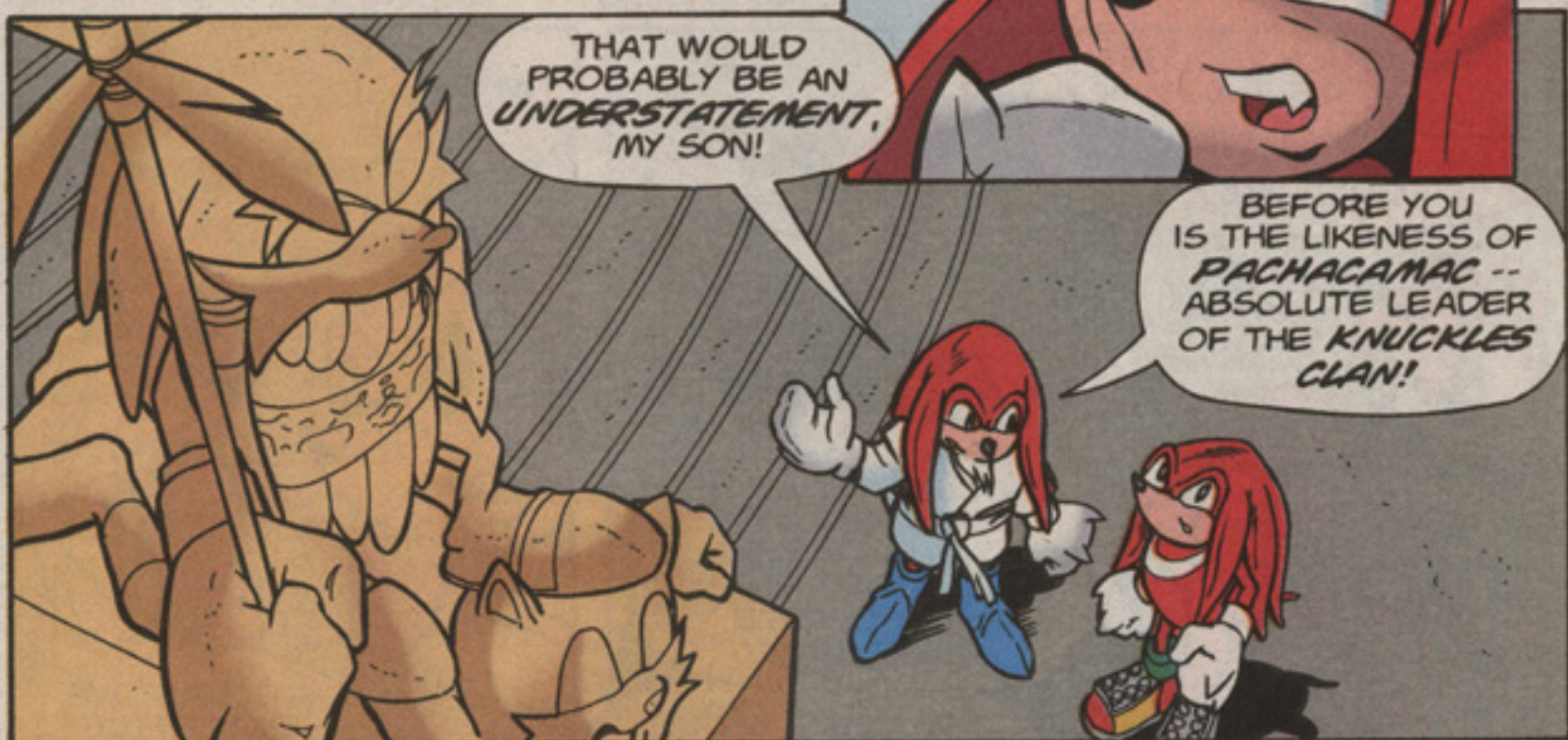
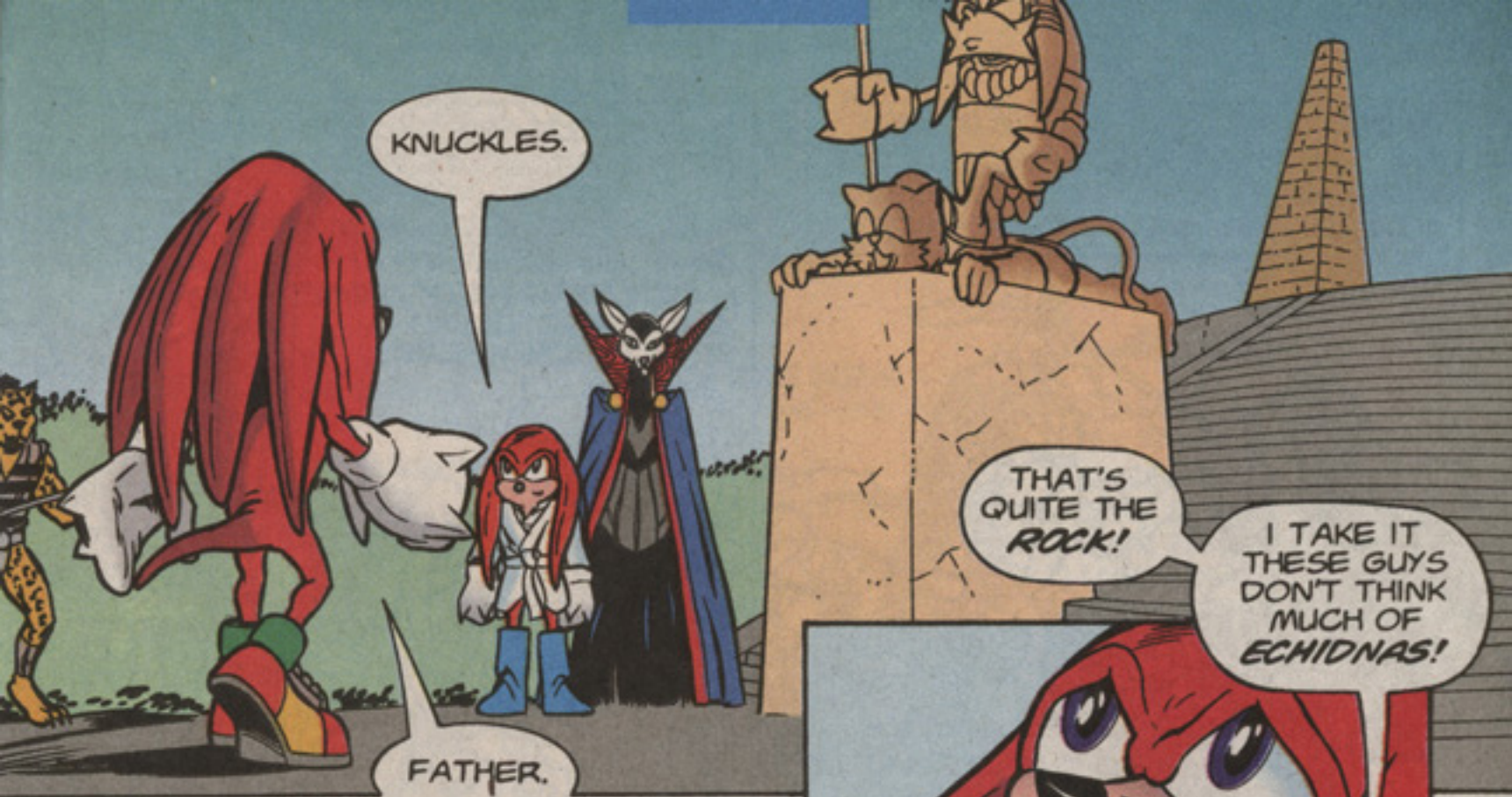
ABOUT
TIME YOU
SHOWED
YOUR
FACE!

SO --?

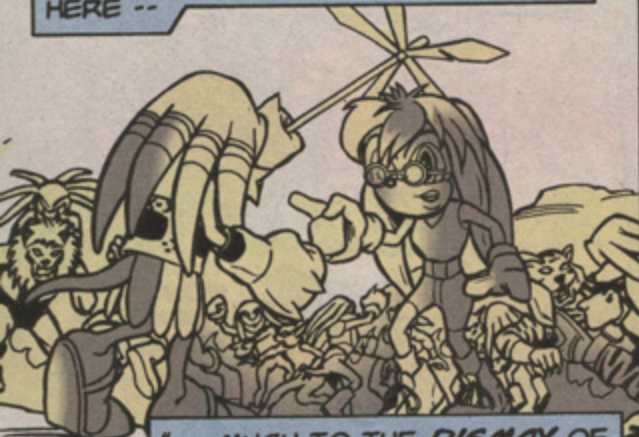
IS ANYONE GONNA
SPILL WHAT'S WITH
ALL THE *DROPPED*
JAWS?

YOU'RE GOING TO
WANT TO CHECK THIS
OUT YOURSELF!



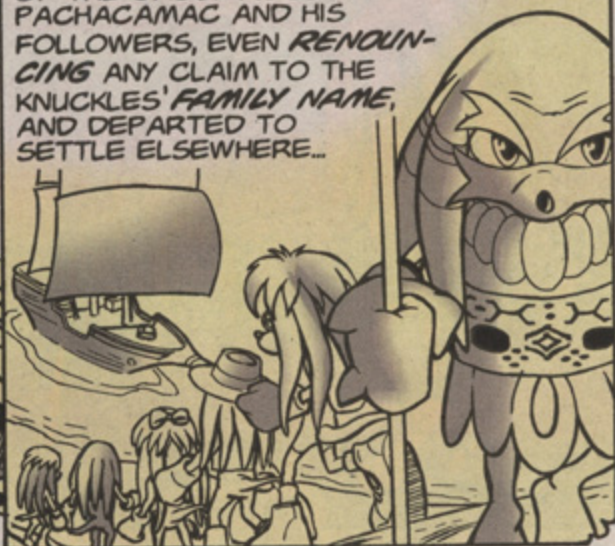


"WHEN THEY EVENTUALLY REACHED THIS LAND, **PACHACAMAC** LED THE **WARRIOR** FACTION OF THE FAMILY AGAINST THE **NATIVES** WHO LIVED HERE --

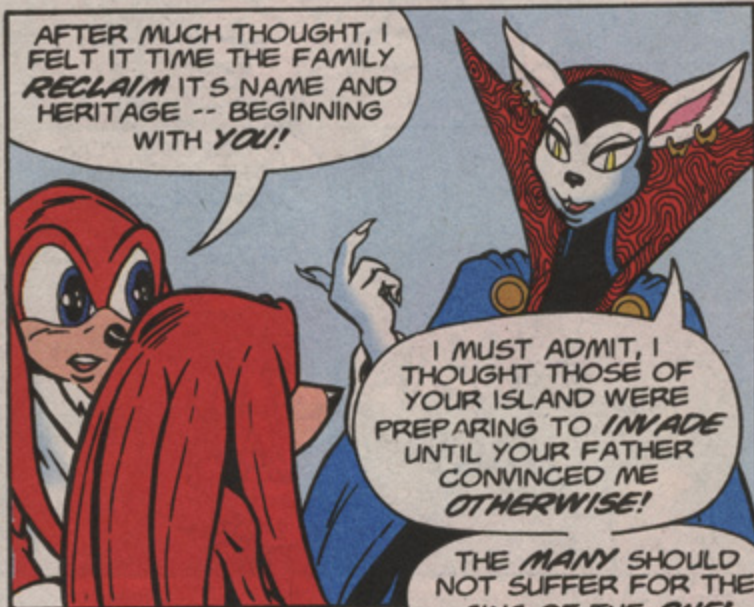


" -- MUCH TO THE **DISMAY** OF THE REST OF THE FAMILY...

"THE **SCHOLARS** AND **LABORERS** OF THE GROUP **REJECTED** **PACHACAMAC** AND HIS FOLLOWERS, EVEN **RENOUNCING** ANY CLAIM TO THE **KNUCKLES' FAMILY NAME**, AND DEPARTED TO SETTLE ELSEWHERE...



AFTER MUCH THOUGHT, I FELT IT TIME THE FAMILY **RECLAIM** ITS NAME AND HERITAGE -- BEGINNING WITH **YOU!**



I MUST ADMIT, I THOUGHT THOSE OF YOUR ISLAND WERE PREPARING TO **INVADE** UNTIL YOUR FATHER CONVINCED ME **OTHERWISE!**

THE **MANY** SHOULD NOT SUFFER FOR THE SINS OF THE **ONE!**

WHOA!



AT LEAST WE DIDN'T PULL YOUR NAME OUT OF A HAT!

WHAT ABOUT THE **STATUE?**

THE QUEEN AND HER PEOPLE AREN'T EXACTLY WILD ABOUT IT!

CAN'T SAY I BLAME HER!

BY THE WAY, I GOT THE **EMERALD BACK!**



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THIS JUST IN!

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What's up, hog-lovers of the world? You are now holding in your grubby little hands the last official installment of this immense Sonic Adventure adaptation crossover. What I want to know from those who've played the game, "How did we do?" This project was some undertaking, as you no doubt know. Now comes the time you've all been waiting for, time to tie up all the loose ends and send the Freedom Fighters back home. Unfortunately, we've got a couple of mechanized menaces keeping their 'receptors' out for the blue blur and are taking their pot shots before he gets back home. Also, be on the look-out for the return of Rotor in a back-up story next issue. We haven't seen him since Sonic #72 and we miss him. Another of our favorites, Knuckles, will be back in Sonic Super Special #14. After that, expect to see him as the regular back-up feature starting with issue #88. Wow. Can you imagine that we're practically right around the corner from the big 1-0-0!!! Lots of exciting things happening in the world of Sonic The Hedgehog, especially since there is word of new upcoming Sonic games for Sega Dreamcast. Thanks for being a part of it, fans.

Catch you on
the flip side!

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